

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0044 with the following amended paragraph:

In operation, a user may search for and select a patient for which an exam is to be performed and update or change the examination information, with various embodiments of the present invention providing notification of such updating or changing, as well as the completion of the exam, for example, to allow for generating of billing statements. Specifically, an exemplary embodiment of an ultrasound examination information processing method 700 for managing ultrasound examination data obtained using the ultrasound systems 100 and 150 and various interfaces is shown in Figure 9. As shown therein, information relating to a scheduled examination is obtained at 702, for example from the local data system 250 (shown in Figure 4) and/or the administrative system 300 (shown in Figure 5). This may include obtaining (e.g., downloading) general information relating to the patient (e.g., name, age, sex, etc.), information relating to the type(s) of scans scheduled to be performed, the date and time of the scheduled scan(s), etc. In an exemplary embodiment, this information ~~[[in]]~~ is stored within a patient database in the administrative system 300, which may be a local network at a hospital, such as the work list/patient server/database 302.

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A method and system for managing ultrasound examination information ~~[[is]]~~ are provided. The method includes determining a completion of at least one ultrasound scan performed during an ultrasound examination and providing electronic notification of completion of the at least one ultrasound scan. The ultrasound scan can be a scheduled or unscheduled scan and an output may be generated based on the electronic notification.